

Business Watch Program

This program will provide the following to participating businesses:

- Key owner information for the Police Department during non-working hours.
- Inspection of the business to help deter and prevent crime from occurring.
- Suggestions to increase security and overall safety for employees and your customers.

If interested in the Business Watch Program, contact The Bluffton Police Department Neighborhood Services Unit.

843-706-4550

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency Bluffton Dispatch	757-3499
Dispatch Main Number	524-2777
Social Services	470-4600
Solicitor's Office	255-5880
Child Abuse Prevention	524-4350
Adult/Child Protective Services	525-7861
Bluffton Self Help	757-8000
United Way of the Low Country	982-3040

Town of Bluffton Departments 20 Bridge Street

Town Hall Main Number	706-4500
Police Department Main Number	706-4550
Neighborhood Services Unit	706-4550
Bicycle Registration	706-4550
CARE Program	706-4550
Municipal Court	706-4530
Business License	706-4500



BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Autumn Season Safety

The Bluffton Police Department is looking to enhance community safety, reduce crime rates in all areas of Bluffton, to deter any and all crimes that occur at local business establishments, and increase awareness to potential safety hazards for the Fall season.

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Autumn Safety

Autumn is a time of Football, cooler weather and shortening days. Now is the time to perform some simple maintenance tasks to insure that we continue to stay safe. This is also a good time to inventory any safety kits, such as hurricane or travel kits.

Check your vehicle to ensure that it is prepared for traveling to visit family and friends.

The Bluffton Police Department is here to help you have a safe and fun Autumn.

Safety Tips for Autumn

Home

1. Prune shrubbery away from windows before foliage blocks windows.
2. Change your smoke alarm batteries.

Out and About

1. Drive safely, use your headlights since it is getting dark earlier each day.
2. Lock all car doors and hide all items in trunk out of plain view.
3. Make sure you are not encumbered with a large number of items.
4. Women, carry your purse as close to your body as possible, no dangling straps. Men, carry your wallet in front pants pocket.
5. Do not travel alone.

Recreation

1. Cyclists should lock bikes up and wear reflective safety equipment. Register your bike in case it is stolen or lost.
2. Boaters should check their equipment and make sure it is serviceable and working properly.

Safety Tips for Businesses

1. Ensure an uncluttered and well lit view from the outside.
2. Ensure staff has an unobstructed view of customers and they should know proper procedures if they spot a shoplifter.
3. Train staff to recognize counterfeit currency, credit cards, and false ID's. NO UNDERAGE SALES!!!
4. Excess cash should be transferred from registers frequently.
5. Cash registers should be emptied every night.
6. The money in the registers should be counted in a secure area out of view of customers.
7. Surveillance cameras should be serviced and maintained regularly.
8. Parking lots should be well lit and maintained to ensure customer safety.
9. Become a member of the Business Watch Program.